biological control and use of bio-pesticides in the country; and

(e) whether a Task Force will be set up for promoting sustainable agriculture with representatives for voluntary groups such as Society of Citizen Concerns, New Delhi which have been promoting it through writings and reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. To meet the demand of growing population, food production per unit area could only be achieved by adopting improved crop production technology of *which use of fertiliser is one of the major* components. However, the Government is promoting the concept of balanced and integrated use of fertiliser including organic manures, bio-fertilisers, etc.

(c) In the intensive cropping system, exodus of plant nutrients could only be replenished by use of fertilisers. Use of organic manures, bio-fertiliser, etc. is also promoted as a complimentary source of nutrients.

(d) Government is promoting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) which includes biological methods and need based use of chemical pesticide in a safe and judicious manner.

(e) Ministry of Agriculture has constituted a technical group to go into the viability of organic farming where a voluntary organisation is being represented as a member.

Problems faced by farmers

4435. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the report, Grey Future—Green Fields from Greepeace London reviewed in Economic Times dated 27th June, 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that the problems actually facing the western countries are already here or in the pipeline and if so, corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken;

(c) whether Government are aware that for a variety of reasons including health of the farmers and the soil the world over there is movement towards Sustainable Agriculture; and

(d) whether large number of farmers in USA and Europe as per reports have turned organic which appeared in the Economic Times of 25th July, 1993 and if so, what is the number and hectares of land covered by similar farmers in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir, The Government of India has been Economic Times dated 27.6.1993 reviewing the report Grey Future—Green Fields.

(b) The Government is aware of emerging problems facing sustainable agriculture. Steps are being taken to promote integrated nutrient management, including use of organic manures and bio-fertilizers. Government is also propagating Integrated Pest Management including use of bio-pesticides.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. However, no statistics is being maintaned separately for the area covered and the number o formers adopting organic farming in India.

Sustainable agricuture

4436. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the excellent report brought out by U. S. General Accounting Office counterpart of CAG on the subject of Sustain-

able Agriculture in September, 1992 and if so, what are the salient recommendations which would be relevant to our country; and

(b) whether a similar set up for carrying out such indepth studies would be instituted in the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

तरल दूध की खपत

4437. श्री राम जेठमलानी :

डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में दुग्ध-उत्पादन की मात्रा में वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो छठी तथा सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के अंत में दुग्ध-उत्पादन की क्रमश: मात्रा क्या-क्या थी और इस संबंध में आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है; और

(ग) ऊपर उल्लिखित प्रत्येक योजना की अवधि के दौरान तरल दूध की प्रति-व्यक्ति खपत कितनी थी तथा आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान तरल दूध की प्रति-व्यक्ति कितनी खपत होने का अनुमान है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। छठी तथा सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्त तक दुग्ध उत्पादन की मात्रा क्रमश: 41.5 तथा 51.4 मिलियन टन थी। आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्त तक दुग्ध उत्पादन का लक्ष्य 70 मिलियन टन रखा गया है।

(ग) छठी और सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान प्रति व्यक्ति दूध की खपत तथा आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लक्ष्य इस प्रकार हैं :–

अवधि	प्रति व्यक्ति प्रति दिन दूध की खपत (ग्राम)
छठी योजना (1984–85) वास्तविक	154
सातवीं योजना (1989–90) वास्तविक	171
आठवीं योजना (1996–97) लक्ष्य	204

अल्प-पोषण के संबंध में पोषण संस्थान हैदराबाद का प्रतिवेदन

4438. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में जनसंख्या के बहुत बड़े हिस्से को उनके पोषण के लिए आवश्यक भोजन की न्यूनतम कैलरी भी नहीं मिल पाती है जैसा कि हैदराबाद स्थित पोषण संस्थान ने कहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस स्थिति को दूर करने के लिए कोई कार्य योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (ङ) संगत सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।